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SUBJECT: SOUTHAFRICAN MEDICAL COUNCIL MAY INVESTIGATE
DOCTORS IN BIKO CASE.

1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS THAT SOUTH AFRICAN MEDICAL COUNCIL IS
CONSIDERING AN INVESTIGATION OF THE CONDUCT OF THE THREE DOCTORS
INVOLVED IN THE BIKO DEATH. THE DOCTORS ARE CHIEF DISTRICT
SURGOEN FOR PORT ELIZABETH, BENJAMIN TUCKER; DISTRICT
SURGEON, IVOR LANG; AND PRIVATE SPECIALIST, COLIN HERSCH. A
SPOKESMAN FOR THE MEDICAL ASSOICATION, SOUTH AFRICA'S SUPREME
MEDICAL ADMINISTRATIVE BODY, IS REPORTED AS SAYING THAT THE DOCTORS'
CONDUCT AS REVEALED AT THE INQUEST HAS ENGENDERED DEEP INTEREST
AND CONCERN" IN THE SOUTH AFRICANMEDICAL PROFESSION.
THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IF THE MAGISTRATE WHO PRESIDED AT THE
INQUEST DID NOT SEND A COPY OF THE PROCEEDINGS TO THE COUNCIL,
THE BODY APPOINTED BY THE ASSOCIATION FOR SUCH INVESTIGATIONS, THAT
ALMOST CERTAINLY THE ASSOCIATION WOULD LODGE A COMPLAINT. WHEN THE
PROCEEDINGS ARE IN HAND, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, THE COUNCIL WILL DECIDE
ON WHETHER TO LAUNCH AN INVESTIGATION.

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2. AN EARLIER ACCOUNT SAID THAT THE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION WAS
RECEIVING PRESSURE ON THE CASE FROM OVERSEAS, INCLUDING A THREAT
THAT THE UK GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL WOULD CEASE TO RECOGNIZE
SOUTH AFRICAN MEDICAL CREDENTIALS IF THE INVESTIGATION DID NOT
TAKE PLACE. BOWDLER

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